

Minutes
Delaware Council of Faith-Based Partnerships Meeting
Tuesday, June 13th, 2017
2:30pm-4:00pm
Congregation Beth Shalom
1801 Baynard Blvd.
Wilmington, DE 19802
United States

Attendees: Michael Beals, Paul Mathur, Larry Morris, Flora McConkie, Shirley Hayes Ganao, John Sykes (scribe)

Review Agenda – Rabbi Michael Beals

Review of Minutes of meeting with Governor Carney – John Sykes

Review of Exec Order #9 for Family Service Cabinet Council FSCC = Michael [See link.]
<http://governor.delaware.gov/executive-orders/eo09/>

- Larry spoke to Family Service Cabinet Council (FSCC) meetings that he attended
 - FSCC is primarily focused on Wilmington with monthly meetings
 - FSCC Agency staff to meet tomorrow to discuss summer activities
 - Flora is willing to attend - Larry to check if possible
 - Larry to let FSCC know that DCFBP exists and our ability to help bringing connection to the community

DCFBP Group Priorities Ideas:

- Shirley - Presented a Baha'i youth oriented program from their Spiritual Assembly called Les Brises de Confirmation, taught by 18 - 26 year olds. Stemming from work in the Congo, it focuses on bring God-like qualities into the youth community. Lead by a role called Animator, it fosters trust and ultimately bonding with the participants. Ensuing discussion was about the decline in social morality and need for youth education, as well as understanding the DCFBP not wanting to proselytize any particular religious tradition.
- Flora - being careful not to proselytize, represent all Delawareans
- Paul - non-religious activities that create trust
- Michael - our council works to create unity
 - How can we build on our interfaith history and capability?
 - Clearinghouse for passing ideas to religious communities
- Larry – Consider "Who do they think we are?" as we deliberate
 - Discussion on racism
 - Prayer Services
 - Reactive to respond when a potential unrest is in the offing
 - Example of coming together to support Muslim community

General Discussion:

- Muslim Event for June 15th - RSVP to Irfan
- Paul – [Indo-American Association of Delaware](#) wishes to Connect folks to community
 - Annual IndiaFest is now Multi-cultural Day
 - First week in October - one day event -Specific date and location tbd
 - Looking for 2 Reps of other cultures to join coordinating committee
 - Bringing Dance Performance would be helpful
 - Also, Vendors to sell ethic food
 - Please publicize to your community
- Larry - Wednesday 14th at Woodburn - Governor hosted IFTAR with invited guests

Action Items:

1. New Roster with phone to be created (could we send preferred phone # to Council via reply to this email?)
2. Between now and 9/12 (next meeting), bring ideas for next interfaith dialogue panel -- present to state employees/senior staff at each department/agency
 1. Governor makes the invitation
 1. One hour discussion
 2. 3 minutes/tradition, 8 - 10 traditions
3. Larry to ask FSCC for DCFBC to attend future meeting
4. Larry to get Thanksgiving date from Governor by 9/12
 - a. He choses location
5. Larry to let Governor know about Iftar on 15 June
6. Michael to connect with Steve regarding continuing as intern.
7. Michael to connect with IMAC on a representative applying to Council.

Next Meeting: Will be held on 9/12 2:30 at Sister Jean's - Meridian Crossing
511 Roger Chaffee Square, Bear, DE

Submitted by John Sykes, acting scribe.